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## ACADEMY ANNOUNCES ACTIONS TO AID EIGHT DISSIDENT SCIENTISTS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Academy of Sciences Committee on Human Rights, formed in 1976 in response to the increasing concern of Academy members about the repression of scholarly research, today promised its support to eight scientists in three countries, all victims of grave official harassment for political reasons.

Included in the group are five Argentinian physicists who mysteriously disappeared in 1976; two Soviet scientists, one of whom is serving a severe sentence and another placed under detention by Soviet police, and an Uruguayan mathematician allegedly tortured during long imprisonment on charges of "subversive association."

Specifically, the Academy committee has asked the government of Argentina for full information on the status and whereabouts of Federico Alvarez Rojas, Gabriela Carabelli, Juan Carlos Gallardo, Antonio Missetich, and Eduardo Pasquini, and that family and representatives of the scientific community be allowed to visit and correspond with them. In the case of José Luis Massera, the Uruguayan government is being asked to allow family and representatives of the world scientific community to visit Professor Massera to determine his current state of health and to be present during the legal proceedings reportedly now underway against him.

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